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MENT OF SFCP APPLICATION FIC 69 FOR STUDY OF EPIDEMIOLOGY OF
STROKE IN EGYPT, PROFESSOR OSAMAH ELWAN

PASS TO SCIATT ADDISON RICHMOND

REFERENCE: A)CAIRO 09063, B)STATE 42781

1. EMBASSY REFTEL A STATING NO CONFIRMED HOTEL ACCOMMODA-
TIONS AVAILABLE WAS REPORTED TO SITE VISIT TEAM AND TO DR.
DONALD TOWER, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL
AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS AND STROKE, AND DISCUSSED WITH
THEM. ON THE BASIS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH PROFESSOR OSAMAH
ELWAN AND DR. TOOLE'S CONVERSATION WITH THE MANAGER OF THE
SHERATON HOTEL IN CAIRO, NO PROBLEM WAS ANTICIPATED. AFTER
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SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE EMBASSY CABLE AND SEVERAL OTHER
FACTORS, THE SITE VISIT TEAM UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO PROCEED
WITH PLANS FOR TRIP AND DEVELOPED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES FOR
ACCOMMODATIONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH THREE BELOW.

2. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WERE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THIS
DECISION. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND

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CONSIDERATION FOR A YEAR SINCE DR. JAMES TOOLE'S TENURE AS

ISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO DURING MARCH AND APRIL 1977, AND ALSO SINCE DR. TOWER'S SURVEY OF THE NEURAL SCIENCES IN EGYPT WHICH HE MADE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF WHO. THE DATE OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN CHANGED ONCE AND WAS RESCHEDULED ONLY AFTER GREAT DIFFICULTY IN RESOLVING THE CONFLICTING APPOINTMENTS OF THE FULL CALENDARS OF TEAM MEMBERS. TO RESCHEDULE AT THIS TIME WOULD PUT THE VISIT OFF TO SOME INDEFINITE FUTURE TIME. TWO OF THE TEAM MEMBERS, DR. MURRAY GOLDSTEIN AND DR. MICHAEL IBRAHIM, HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED AND ARE ENROUTE.

3. THE TEAM IS WILLING TO PROCEED, ACCEPTING THE RISK OF NO HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS IN CAIRO UPON ARRIVAL, AND TO ABSOLVE THE EMBASSY OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCOMODATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: 1) TEAM WILL ACCEPT LESS THAN FIRST CLASS OR TOURIST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS, WILL SHARE ROOMS WITH TEAM MEMBERS, AND IS WILLING TO STAY IN SMALL LOCAL NATIONAL HOTELS IN CAIRO. THE GARDEN CITY HOUSE WOULD BE FIRST CHOICE. THE EVEREST, TONSI, AND ATLAS ARE OTHER SUGGESTIONS. IF NONE OF THESE ARE AVAILABLE, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT MADAME HABACHI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER, LOCATED IN THE ESSO BUILDING MIGHT BE HELPFUL. 2) TEAM IS WILLING TO ACCEPT ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA,
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PROCEED THERE BY CAR UPON ARRIVAL, AND IF NECESSARY, COMMUTE TO CAIRO DURING VISIT. 3) IF FIRST TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT FEASIBLE, TEAM IS PREPARED TO RESORT TO ANY EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH CAN BE ARRANGED. IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL STAY UP ALL NIGHT AND RETURN TO ACCOMMODATIONS IN ATHENS OR AMMAN, JORDAN.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT PROFESSOR ELWAN, INFORM HIM OF FOREGOING TEXT AND ASK HIM TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE LESS THAN FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS IN CAIRO OR IN ALEXANDRIA. HE SHOULD MEET VISITORS TO INFORM THEM OF ARRANGMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE PROFESSOR ELWAN TO CALL THE DIRECTOR OF THE WHO REGIONAL OFFICE IN ALEXANDRIA, INFORM HIM THAT DR. DAVID TOWER, DIRECTOR OF NINCDS AND THE WHO CONSULTANT ON NEURAL SCIENCES IN EGYPT AND AFRICA, IS SPONSORING THIS TEAM IN AN AREA OF INTEREST TO WHO AND ASK FOR HIS INFLUENCE AND AID IN FINDING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA.

5. ETA FOR PARTICIPANTS WILL REMAIN AS STATED IN REFTEL B AS FOLLOWS: DR. MICHEL IBRAHIM VIA TW 840 AT 1810 ON MARCH 25; DR. MURRAY GOLDSTEIN VIA ME 742 AT 2010 ON

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MARCH 27; DR. CLARK MILLIKAN VIA TW 800 AT 1505 ON MARCH 27; DRS. DALLAS ANDERSON AND BRUCE SCHOENBERG VIA TW 840

AT 1810 ON MARCH 27, AND DRS. JAMES TOOLE AND RICHARD JANEWAY VIA TW 840 AT 1810 ON MARCH 28. DRS. GOLDSTEIN AND MILLIKAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES.

6. USDO IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS NEEDED TO COVER TRAVEL FOR TEAM BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA, ATHENS OR AMMAN TO FULFILL OBJECTIVES OF MISSION. FISCAL DATA REMAINS AS IN REFTEL B. VANCE

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